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FBI SPY ARREST

JENNINGS: Good evening. The FBI has arreste[redacted] own. Richard Miller of Los Angeles has been charged with spying for the Soviet Union. He is the first member of the FBI to be charged with working for a foreign power while on active duty. Tom Schell reports from Los Angeles on how the agency caught up with one of its own employees.

SCHELL: Miller appeared in U.S. District Court in San Diego today to answer charges that he conspired with two Soviet citizens to deliver defense and intelligence secrets to the Soviet Union. Miller was fired by the FBI yesterday after 20 years as a special agent. For the past three years he's been assigned to the counterintelligence unit in Los Angeles. He was ordered held without bail until tomorrow to give him time to hire an attorney. An FBI affidavit alleges that Miller conspired with Nikolay and Svetlana Ogorodnikov, two Soviet immigrants.
RICHARD\BRETZING (FBI special agent): We believe they are both covert agents of the KGB.

SCHELL: The FBI statement also says that Miller demanded $65,000 in cash and gold for his information. Justice Department sources told ABC News that Svetlana and Miller had a sexual relationship. Their first encounter was last May. This morning, FBI agents searched the Hollywood apartment of the Ogorodnikovs, looking for further evidence of the alleged conspiracy. Miller lived at this house near San Diego with his wife and eight children on weekends. But during the week he maintained this home in the Los Angeles area. With Miller's permission, FBI agents searched his L.A. home last Friday, and according to their affidavit they found, 'FBI classified documents concerning foreign counterintelligence investigation and activities.' The affidavit alleges there were several meetings over the past four months. It says that in late August, Miller and Svetlana Ogorodnikova went to San Francisco to establish his FBI credentials with the KGB agents at the Soviet Consulate, that Miller had already given her a secret document detailing the workings of the FBI counterspy. Also in August, Miller allegedly met Svetlana's husband for the first time at their apartment, but Nikolay used the name of Nikolay Wolfson. Wolfson was identified by Svetlana as the man who would pay Miller for FBI documents. Other meeting sites were named, this restaurant in Santa Monica, this park in Westwood, among others. The Ogorodnikovs were arraigned in U.S. District Court in Los Angeles this afternoon and both were denied bail. If convicted, all three could face life in prison. Tom Schell, ABC News, Los Angeles.

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